

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the indication that claims 24, 26, 28, 31-35, 39 and 53 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 31 has been rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of previous pending independent claim 22 and dependent claim 30. Thus claim 31 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable. Similarly, claim 39 has been rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of previously pending independent claim 36. Independent claim 51 has been amended to include the subject matter of previously pending dependent claim 53, indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 51 and claim 52 depending therefrom are patentable.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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